REMARKS

Claims 1-35 and 37 remain in this application, with Claims 7, 11, 19, 23, 26, 28 and 35 amended, and Claim 36 canceled. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and review of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

At the outset, Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of Claims 1-6, 8-10, 12-18, 20-22, 24-27, 29-34, and 37. With the foregoing amendments, Applicants consider all claims in the application to now be allowable.

The Examiner rejected Claims 7, 11, 19, 23, and 26-37 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants have amended the claims to correct the instances of indefinite language identified by the Examiner, and all claims are now deemed sufficiently definite. This ground of rejection should therefore be withdrawn.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-35 and 37 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested, and a timely Notice of Allowability is solicited. To the extent it would be helpful to placing this application in condition for allowance, Applicants encourage the Examiner to contact the undersigned counsel and conduct a telephonic interview.

While Applicants believe that no fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in the fees, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0639.

Respectfully submitted,

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